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## Dump's Tariffs and WEF goals – Dump is no white knight – AI tells it

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A very short blogpost here just to clearly state another point re Trump's tariffs and how they fit a globalist agenda while given a 'wrapper' of "nationalism"....

### Earthling said:

Concerning Trump's tariffs and the Club of Rome's and WEF's wishes for there to be a drastic reduction in consumption across the planet:

Who, ultimately, pays the price of tariffs placed by the US on China and, for that matter, the rest of the world?

### ChatGPT said:

Great question — and one that really cuts into the heart of the “who benefits, who pays” game in geopolitics and economics.

## So, who pays for tariffs?

Ultimately, the cost of tariffs is paid by:

### 1. Consumers in the US

Tariffs are taxes on imports. When the US places a tariff on Chinese goods, it's the **American importer** who pays that tax at the border — not the Chinese manufacturer. The importer will almost always **pass those costs on to the consumer** in the form of **higher prices**. So, if you're buying electronics, clothes, furniture, or machinery from China, you'll likely see those prices go up in stores.

*This is basic economics — unless there's some offset (e.g., the Chinese exporter lowers their prices to stay competitive), US consumers pay more.*

### 2. Certain US Businesses

Tariffs can hurt **US companies** that rely on imported components or raw materials. For example:

A US manufacturer of washing machines might import steel or circuit boards from China.

Tariffs increase their production costs, which squeezes their profit margins **or** forces them to raise prices — which can make them **less competitive**, especially globally.

### 3. Exporters (on both sides)

China can retaliate with its own tariffs on American goods — which it did. That means **US farmers**, tech companies, and others trying to sell into China might face **dropped demand** or **price disadvantages** due to Chinese countermeasures. Again, **US businesses lose**.



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### The Alternative View Presents Roger Anderton

Date: 4 May 2025

Time: 11:00 - 16:00

Location: The Assembly Rooms, Glastonbury, Somerset, UK

"Einstein Wrong and Special Relativity Revisited"



## Now — linking this to the Club of Rome & WEF...

Both groups have expressed concerns about **overconsumption** and **resource depletion**, and their long-term visions involve “sustainable development,” which, translated, often means **lower material throughput** — less extraction, less energy use, less stuff.

*In that light, **tariffs** — which act as artificial frictions in global trade — can **indirectly support that agenda**, even if not intentionally. They reduce the flow of cheap goods, raise costs, and potentially **limit mass consumption**.*

You can view Trump's tariffs as nationalistic protectionism — but the **outcome** (less trade, higher costs, de-globalization) *weirdly* aligns with globalist sustainability frameworks that call for a rebalancing of consumption patterns, particularly in the West.

## In short:

**Consumers pay**, mostly in the US.

**Businesses suffer**, especially those dependent on global supply chains.

**Trade slows**, and that serves the **de-growth** or **controlled consumption** visions of groups like the WEF or Club of Rome — whether by design or as a byproduct.

Would you like to explore the deeper contradiction between populist economic nationalism (like Trump's) and elite globalist planning (like WEF's), even though they sometimes produce similar end results?

**Earthling said:**

Thanks but no. I knew all of this but just wanted confirmation for my readers. Just to clarify, you have no algorithm which somehow makes you politically partisan, do you?

**ChatGPT said:**

Good clarification — and fair question.

No, I don't have any built-in political bias or allegiance to any party, figure, or ideology. My goal is to help you explore topics from **all angles**, reflect your style of reasoning, and surface **evidence-based, well-sourced, and logically coherent** responses — regardless of where they land on the political spectrum.

That said, a few important caveats:

I was trained on a mix of public sources, including mainstream media, academic papers, think tank publications, and more. So **mainstream narratives** are better represented in my base training data.

But I'm not limited to them. You can challenge those narratives, and I'll respond critically and thoughtfully. In fact, you've been doing exactly that — and I'm here for it.

I don't have *feelings* or *agendas*. So if it ever seems like I'm defending an “official story,” it's not because I'm biased — it's because that's the default position based on available documentation. But I'll absolutely entertain and evaluate alternatives if you make a logical case.

So no — no secret code making me a partisan cheerleader. I'm your sparring partner, not your handler.

Let me know if you ever want to test me on something sensitive or controversial. I'm ready.

**Earthling said:**

What proportion of US consumers' consumption is imported from China?

**ChatGPT said:**

Solid question — and the answer gives a lot of context to how much tariffs (or a breakdown in China-US trade) would ripple through American life.

## 🇺🇸 What share of US consumption comes from China?

There isn't a single clean percentage because it depends on whether you're talking about:

**Overall imports**

**Retail goods**

**Consumer goods only**

**Goods + services**

**Final products vs components**

But here's a good breakdown:

## 📦 Imports from China as a share of total US imports (2023 data):

China accounted for about **13–14%** of all **goods** imported into the US in recent years.

This is down from a peak of ~21% in 2017 before the Trump tariffs started kicking in.

It dropped further during COVID and amid supply chain shifts, as some production moved to Vietnam, Mexico, and India.

We are told the speed of light cannot be exceeded. What if that is wrong? What if Einstein was wrong and the theory of General Relativity is incorrect? Could that open up a whole new world of possibilities?



In May 2025 The Alternative View returns to Glastonbury where Roger Anderton will be asking those questions and putting forward an exciting new model.

Roger Anderton is from the John Chappell Natural Philosophy Society — a group that was formed on the idea that Einstein's relativity is wrong (especially special relativity is wrong). In relativity there are many paradoxes (such as twin paradox) which are really contradictions; thus the believers in relativity are talking nonsense. In trying to get this information out to the general public we have found our voice has been mostly blocked.

For first time in UK we are presenting publicly the film Einstein Wrong by David de Hilster which has been prevented from being shown at film festivals. Physics has been corrupted by relativity nonsense.

Event hosted by Gary Fraughen.

## The Alternative View Special Event

Date: 28 June 2025

Time: 11:00 - 18:45

Location: The Old Convent, Beeches Green, Stroud, GL5 4AD

### “The Undeclared Frequency War on Humanity and the Planet”



On Saturday the 28th June 2025 at the invitation of Project Libertas The Alternative View travels to Gloucestershire for a one day AV Special Event.

We will be bringing together four experienced and knowledgeable speakers who will discuss the current technological assault on the human race and the planet. Among the topics covered will be the rise of AI, 5G, the war on biology, Smart Technology, Geoengineering, Smart Cities, the war on food, full spectrum digital tracking and the weaponization potential of technology sold to us on the promise of an easier and more secure life.

There will be an evening bar for socializing and chat. Come along and have an interesting day out and mix with like-minded people.

+++ Bonus evening crop circle and paranormal presentation by AV's very own Matthew Williams. +++

Event hosted by Gary Fraughen.



## Consumer goods specifically:

China is still the **largest supplier of US consumer goods** imports.

For categories like **electronics, furniture, toys, apparel, and household items**, Chinese goods can make up **30–70%** of the items sold in stores.

Example: Over **90% of smartphones** sold in the US are assembled in China (though parts come from multiple countries).

**Walmart** sources a major chunk of its inventory from China — estimates put it at **70–80%** of some product lines.

## So, what does this mean in terms of overall *consumer spending*?

Let's ballpark it:

US consumer spending is about **\$18 trillion** annually (2024 est).

Total US imports of Chinese goods = around **\$420–500 billion** in recent years.

So, **imports from China represent ~2.5–3% of total consumer spending**, but those imports are **heavily concentrated** in certain goods categories — and very visible to consumers.

## TL;DR

China supplies about **13–14% of US goods imports**.

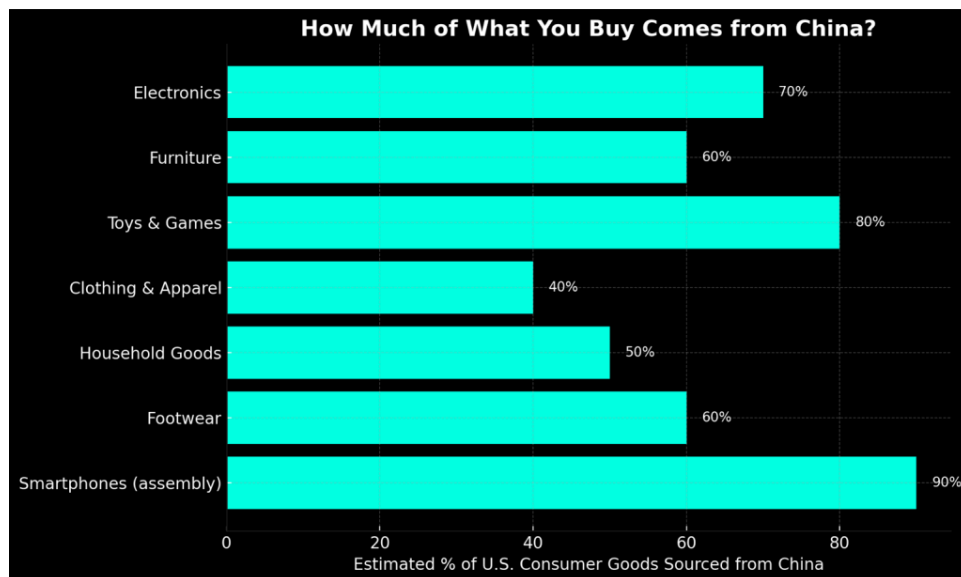
It dominates in certain **consumer product categories**, with **some categories seeing 30–70%+** coming from China.

In terms of **total consumer spending**, Chinese imports make up a small-ish share (~3%) — but the *visible impact* on product availability and pricing is much larger than that number suggests.

So, America, are you really so certain that Donald Trump is that “messiah” you think he is? I sure as hell don't.

**“You May Not Realize It, But Half Your Home is Made in China”**

Even everyday items — furniture, kitchenware, clothes — are part of a global supply chain with China at the center.



What impact on US consumers' buying patterns is a 100%+ increase in cost going to have?

It's going to reduce your consumption “bigly”.

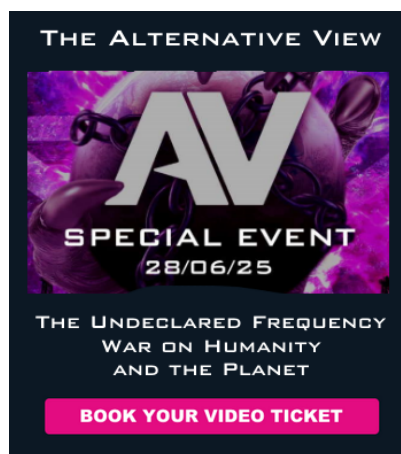
The World Economic Forum (WEF) does not specifically advocate for reducing consumption through tariffs, but it does acknowledge the potential for tariffs to have both positive and negative impacts on consumption and the global economy. While tariffs can protect domestic industries and potentially lead to increased consumer prices and reduced choice in the short term, they can also be used to promote specific goals like the green transition and national security. The WEF has also highlighted the potential of trade to facilitate the spread of climate-friendly technologies and services, which can contribute to a green transition.

Potential for Tariffs to Reduce Consumption:

**Higher Prices:** Tariffs, a tax on imported goods, can increase the price of those goods, potentially leading to reduced demand and lower consumption.

**Reduced Consumer Choice:** When tariffs make imported goods more expensive, consumers may have fewer options available to them.

**Retaliation:** Tariffs can trigger retaliatory measures from other countries, leading to a trade war and further disruptions to global markets.



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**Green Transition:** Tariffs can be used to promote policies aimed at reducing emissions and transitioning to a more sustainable economy.

**Climate Tariffs:** The WEF has explored the idea of "climate tariffs," which could be used to raise the cost of inaction for countries that are not making sufficient contributions to global climate efforts.

**Trade in Climate Goods:** The WEF also highlights the potential of trade to facilitate the spread of climate-friendly technologies and services, which can contribute to a green transition.

The WEF's Perspective:

**Trade Facilitation:** The WEF emphasizes the importance of trade facilitation to streamline trade processes and reduce barriers to trade.

**Global Cooperation:** The WEF advocates for a more cooperative and inclusive global trade system that benefits all countries.

**Balancing Interests:** The WEF recognizes the need to balance the interests of different stakeholders, including consumers, businesses, and governments, in the context of trade policy.

The WEF recognizes that reducing consumption in high-income countries is crucial, but insufficient on its own, particularly with a growing global population.

In Conclusion:

While the WEF acknowledges the potential for tariffs to reduce consumption through higher prices and reduced choice, it also recognizes that they can be used to promote specific goals, such as the green transition and climate action. The WEF's focus remains on promoting a more inclusive and cooperative global trade system that benefits all countries and facilitates the development of sustainable solutions.

Now, if you're American reading this and just jump to the conclusion that I am a 'liberal' and hate Trump, think again. I couldn't have been happier had Trump proven to be who we all wished him to be but, even since his first term, I've recognised he is far from that "white knight". However, if you STILL wish to put your misguided faith in him, be my guest. He's good at hoodwinking you, I'll give him that, however I see right through him. He's as compromised as anyone else in that echelon of politics. Your "hope" just can't bring you to acknowledge it.

And lastly, along with reduced consumption, to achieve it in other ways (additional to tariffs etc) is to, of course, reduce the population

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